AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. - 7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a silicone base rubber article, comprising the step of molding a silicone base rubber in a mold treated with the release agent ~~of claim 1~~ comprising as essential components,

an organosilazane polymer comprising units represented by the general unit formula (1):

$$(R^1Q)_aR^2_bSi(NR^3)_{(4-a-b)/2} \quad (1)$$

wherein R^1 is independently a perfluoroalkyl ether group, R^2 and R^3 are each independently hydrogen or a substituted or unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon group, Q is independently a divalent organic group, "a" is an integer of 1 to 3, "b" is an integer of 0 to 2, and the sum of a+b is an integer of 1 to 3, and

an organic solvent capable of dissolving the polymer.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the silicone base rubber is a heat-curable silicone base rubber.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the heat-curable silicone base rubber is an addition cure type silicone rubber.

11. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the heat-curable silicone base rubber is an organic peroxide cure type silicone rubber.

12. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the heat-curable silicone base rubber is a silicone-polyolefin copolymer rubber.

13. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the heat-curable silicone base rubber contains at least 0.1% by weight of an adhesion promoter.

14. (New) A method of producing a silicone base rubber article, comprising the step of molding a silicone base rubber in a mold treated with a release agent comprising as essential components,

an organosilazane copolymer comprising units represented by the general unit formula (2):

$$(R^4Q)_aR^2_bSi(NR^3)_{(4-a-b)/2} \quad (2)$$

wherein R^4 is independently a perfluoroalkyl or perfluoroalkyl ether group, R^2 and R^3 are each independently hydrogen or a substituted or unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon group, Q is independently a divalent organic group, "a" in an integer of 1 to 3, "b" is an integer of 0 to 2, and the sum of a+b is an integer of 1 to 3, and units represented by the general unit formula (3):

$$R^2_cSi(NR^3)_{(4-c)/2} \quad (3)$$

wherein R^2 and R^3 are as defined above, and "c" is an integer of 1 to 3, in a molar ratio of units (2)/units (3) between 95/5 and 50/50, and

an organic solvent capable of dissolving the polymer.

15. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein the silicone base rubber is a heat-curable silicone base rubber.

16. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein the heat-curable silicone base rubber is an addition cure type silicone rubber.

17. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein the heat-curable silicone base rubber is an organic peroxide cure type silicone rubber.

18. (New) The method of claim 15 wherein the heat-curable silicone base rubber is a silicone-polyolefin copolymer rubber.

19. (New) The method of any one of claims 15 to 18 wherein the heat-curable silicone base rubber contains at least 0.1% by weight of an adhesion promoter.